

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A three-position safety for a firearm is provided that includes a lever that is rotatable from a first position wherein the bolt and the firing pin are unlocked, to a second position wherein the bolt is unlocked and the firing pin is locked, to a third position wherein the bolt 5 and the firing pin are locked. A detent member has a detent surface to mate with detent apertures on the end of the bolt. When the safety lever is in a first position or a second position, a gap exists between the shaft of the plunger and the detent member allowing for rotational movement of the bolt relative to a cocking piece housing. When the safety lever is in a third position, the shaft of the plunger contacts the detent member such that no rotational 10 movement of the bolt is provided.